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BY A. M. QUICK

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SPIRITUAL VS. MATERIAL

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."

IN THE DAWN of the race, God, who is pure spirit, walked and talked with our first parents in the Garden of Eden. Heaven was very close to earth, and God's creatures were still sensible of the spiritual world.

With the coming of sin and its gradual domination of the race, came a dullness of perception. That which had been near now seemed afar off and dim.

There arose a constant conflict between the seen and the unseen, the material and the spiritual. In our thinking, earth looms large and important, reality is ascribed alone to things of time and sense, the things of the spirit become unreal.

Having lost the sense of the reality of the Eternal Spirit, men found objects to worship. Some were curiously shaped pieces of stick or stone. Some were fashioned from wood, bone, metal, rock: human forms, animal forms, strange creatures part one and part the other, but always something material that might be seen and felt, something of the earth. Greeks and Latins worshipped beautiful products of the sculptor's art; Mayans worshipped the huge serpent whose painted likeness coiled about the walls of their ancient American temples.

Though such gross idolatry may have vanished in Christian lands over the centuries, the great enemy of God has not forgotten this ancient weapon. One of his chief designs is still to magnify the material at the expense of the spiritual in the thoughts of mankind.

The Lord is spirit. He who worships Him must bow before the Unseen, and worship in spirit at the throne of the invisible glory. No image, picture, or object can portray Him who is invisible. Nothing material must come between Him and our heart's worship.

Are we bound to the earthly? Then our hope will perish with earthly things.

Are our affections fixed upon the God of heaven? Then ours is the promise "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
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8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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Psalms 148:12, 13, "Both . . . old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord."

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PRAYER

BY A. V. BEAUBE

TEXT: Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray."



IT HAS BEEN WISELY SAID that we can live right without preaching, singing, or any other special work, but he who tries to make it without prayer will fail, for prayer is the channel through which Christians keep their spiritual lives renewed.

Jesus would teach His disciples that they should never give up and stop praying, so He gave them the parable which you read in the Gospel according to St. Luke 18:1-8. Notice the conditions. A widow goes to an "unjust" judge. This man does not "fear God." He does not "regard man." Poor widow! You have a hard "nut to crack." Your adversary continues to annoy you. You get no help from the "Hard-hearted judge"; but alas! The picture changes, for said he: "I must do something about this matter or this woman will keep coming"—"Lest she worry me." I am happy to say that our blessed heavenly Father never gets worried; neither is He unjust or hard-hearted, but He is anxious to help us. His eyes are over us, and His ears are open to our prayers, as we cry day or night unto Him.

PRAYER is not mere words. If words could be called prayer, then the Pharisee in verse 11 would have gotten the victory, and the poor publican would have fallen short. "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Prayer is not just a lot of noise, for see yonder in the Temple stands a broken-hearted woman grieving because it has not been her privilege to present her husband with a man child. 1 Samuel 1:10, 11, "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.

And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." (See verses 12 and 13.) She did not pray with an audible voice, only her lips worked. She got results!

It makes little difference about the position of the body. Elijah stretched himself upon the widow's son and prayed. Solomon stood at the dedication of the Temple and prayed. Jonah, inside the fish, prayed out of the belly of hell. Jesus kneeled down in Gethsemane, and God sent angels to Him. Paul and Silas, feet fastened in the stocks, prayed and the jail doors came open. They had a great revival. The thief hanging on the cross prayed. Prayer is the greatest avenue of approach to God. It is a soul communing with its Maker. It is when we unload our burden and reload with blessings.

GODLY MEN of all ages have prayed. We see faithful Abraham praying for his friend Lot. Daniel prayed with his face toward Jerusalem. Jesus spent the night in prayer. The Church prayed for Peter when he was in jail. The most successful men of our time are men of prayer. Jesus said you ought to pray. It is our privilege. The disciples saw our Lord praying. It created a desire to know how to pray efficiently. So they said: "Lord, teach us to pray." He gave them a model prayer:

*Our Father,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy will be done.
Give us grace for this day;
Forgive us like we forgive others;
Lead us around temptations;
Deliver us from evil.
The glory is yours.*

Those who have taken time out for honest, persistent, conscientious, prevailing prayer are the ones who have been successful in every walk of life. If you will promise me to pray before you faint, I shall be happy.

*A plea to put aside trite and
pious expressions and
put on*

TRUE HOLINESS

By F. W. LEMONS, Pastor, Ashville, North Carolina

Ephesians 4:24



ANY WORDS of our language have lost their punch because of the familiarity with which we use them. They have become so commonplace we are unimpressed when we hear them. One of those words is "holiness." So long have we heard expressions such as "holiness people," "holiness church," "preaching holiness," etc., that the word "holiness" simply does not mean what it did when we first became identified with it. Most of us now understand it as a rather inclusive word and know that many who could hardly testify to an experience of holiness of heart are fellow travelers with the holiness crowd. But that telling little adjective that precedes and qualifies the word "holiness" in Ephesians 4:24, "*true*," gives force and pungency and brings back the old meaning to the word "holiness."

Upon first consideration of this phrase "true holiness," a question arises, "Can there be another kind? If not, why the distinction?" After some reflection anyone will surely acknowledge that there is a "false" and a "true" holiness. There is that blamelessness of human character for which so many strive and yearn, but which God completely ignores. There is, thank God, a true holiness which springs solely from relationship with God and which regulates and establishes our goings, and between the two there is a great gulf fixed.

There is a feigned holiness which is nothing more nor less than a carnal attempt to polish the "old man" and fit him for heaven without redemption and regeneration. Jesus placed the adherents of this brand of holiness in the category of "whited sepulchres full of dead men's bones." He knew that beneath the outward sheen there was corruption. Nevertheless, knowing that holiness is God's inexorable standard for all men, a feigned, pretended, imitation holiness is the master scheme of Satan.

If one should set out to find the devil's masterpiece, where do you suppose he would find it? Do you imagine it would be one of the human derelicts along Skid Row? The wretched criminal at his wits' end and in the grip of the law? Or the miserable prostitute, homeless, foul, wasting away with disease? I doubt it. In my opinion it is the person who has adopted a false holiness, a standard of moral rectitude that by-passes the cross of Calvary and redemption. Satan does not oppose moral character. Though not particularly engaged in the business of improving character, he recognizes that the respectable sinner, living above reproach, is a far greater asset to his cause than all the outcasts of earth. It is upon the moral sinner that Satan has wrought most skillfully. He is ac-

ceptable to modern society because of his outward appearance and reputation, and because society never looks at the heart. But neither respectability nor reputation—according to Abraham Lincoln, sometimes longer, sometimes shorter than the man himself—can simulate or approach Bible holiness.

THE MESSAGE of Jesus to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," though proclaimed for almost two thousand years, is still the message of the day. It needs to be preached from the housetop, without apology, to our generation, and although it may savour of antiquity, it is the only antidote for Satan's imitations and substitutes.

A substitute for that message of old is the work of modern reformers who would make us over by merely having us give up our baser sins and habits. Today there are many prescriptions abroad to reform the sinner—the Keely Cure for alcoholics; a special and very particular brain operation for thieves; psychiatry for a host of troubled souls; to say nothing of the multitude of sins that supposedly will yield to the magic wand of education and higher living standards. It is not disputed that all these cures have some value and may temporarily enable an individual to discover a degree of peace of mind, but in view of the fact that man's trouble is spiritual, they are only temporary quack remedies and can do nothing to blot out his sins and produce that true "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

Certain ill-informed Christian workers, who may well be classified as reformers, spend entirely too much effort attempting to make people holy by regulating their external appearance—the kind of apparel, the length of the dress and of the hair, the kind of hats, uniform styles of clothing for both men and women. It has been wisely said, "Often behind a ragged jacket there beats an honest heart." Equally wise and true it is that behind a holy robe there often lives a heart of shame. But a holy life will seek to "adorn the doctrine" with apparel that becometh saints, while no amount of *fixing* will transform a life of sin into one of holiness.

ALL I HAVE said of holiness thus far has been negative. On the positive side, let us ascertain just what true holiness is. It is, in brief, the ability to stand in the presence of God and man without fear, guilt, or condemnation. It is a matter of having the sin question settled and being righteous in the sight of God. This holy state is attained through no merit on our part, and no demerit on our part can deprive us of entering into it if we will receive it as God's gift. It is of grace, and grace alone. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not

Eph. 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."



F. W. Lemons

of yourselves: it is the gift of God," Ephesians 2:8. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost," Titus 3:5. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him," 2 Corinthians 5:21. "Wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved," Ephesians 1:6. By faith we have the righteousness of God: "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested . . . Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe," Romans 3:21, 22. Saving faith marks the end of the struggles, reforms, and the fight to be good. Through simple faith in the crucified Saviour righteousness is received as a gift. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption," 1 Corinthians 1:30.

Thus it is through faith in the crucified Lord that the miracle of the new creation takes place, in which the believer is "created in righteousness and true holiness," Ephesians 4:24. He is declared righteous on the ground of the perfect sacrifice of Calvary's Lamb; the righteousness of Christ is imputed to him and the divine nature is infused into him. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature," 2 Peter 1:4.

From all the above scripture references, and numerous others, it is crystal clear that true holiness is not an attainment of human character, but wholly the operation of "the spirit of holiness" (Romans 1:4) within. Judging from observation, most likely there have been some non-Christians whose lives were exemplary and free from outward sin. But be it known to all, that it is this type of holiness which is in the sight of God "filthy rags." It will never admit a soul to heaven. It is the product of the carnal, the fleshly, and "they that are in the flesh cannot please God . . . if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die," Romans 8:8, 13. True holiness is "fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Romans 8:4.

THE FRUIT produced by any life is the proof of the kind of a life it is. True holiness produces holiness fruit. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness," Romans 6:22. Let us observe that it stems from the "Spirit of holiness." "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," Galatians 5:22, 23. This kind of fruit never

springs from a carnal life. Impossible. Some of Satan's imitations may appear much like the fruit of the Spirit, but at best they are only cheap substitutes. Actually, this fruit is inimitable. For example, Satan never produces love! It is miracle fruit. Take notice of where and how it grows. The soul that never knew love, joy, peace, etc., discovers to his delight that immediately upon receiving Christ into his life that this fruit appears for the first time. Satan may promise everything, but he cannot cause men to love their enemies; he cannot bring peace into a heart that has known nothing but frustration, civil war, fear, and condemnation. Satan can never set the joy bells to ringing in the heart that is sad, sorrowing and disillusioned. But these fruits will grow when the "Spirit of holiness" takes control of the life.

Our answer to those who question the practicability of "true holiness" is, "It works." In the realm of the natural, holiness is a colossal failure. But this is the work of God, for we have been "CREATED in righteousness and true holiness." "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works," Ephesians 2:10. When the automotive engineers produce a new automobile, few people nowadays inquire whether or not it will run—it was built to run. The watchmaker made the lovely watch, not as a mere ornament, but to do a certain job. Be it said to the credit of the manufacturer of both the automobile and the watch that their products perform according to the will of those who made them. If the engineer and the artificer are able to build into their creations a certainty of performance, is it to be expected that the "workmanship" of the great God, which bears His trademark, shall fail? Certainly not! God's workmanship can be relied upon. Yes, true holiness works!

The proud owners of the splendid, streamlined automobile and of the beautiful watch boast loudly of the precision performance of each. Their boasting is to the praise of the manufacturers. True holiness, although scorned by those blinded by the god of this world, is still the wonder of "principalities and powers in heavenly places." They see that true holiness is at work in God's "new creation." It is not a failure. The Master is not ashamed of His workmanship. None other need be. We shall yet before all the host of heaven be "to the praise of the glory of His grace," Ephesians 1:6, and a declaration to all of the "manifold wisdom of God." Ephesians 3:10.

Know Your Church Leaders

ZENO C. THARP
General Overseer

By J. NEWBY THOMPSON

BORN in the State of Michigan, Zeno Chandler Tharp moved to Florida at an early age, where he was converted, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost in 1907. It was in 1910 that he joined the Church of God and began some evangelistic work in Florida in 1912. By 1920 this aggressive lad had begun full-time ministerial work. Licensed in 1921, young Zeno took his first pastorate in northern Florida, followed by a tenure at South Cleveland, Tennessee.

He was ordained in 1924, the year he became pastor at East Chattanooga, where he served three years, moving thence to Greenville, South Carolina. At Greenville he remained eight years (1927-1935), leaving to become Superintendent of Education for the period of 1935-1944.

Brother Tharp served as overseer of South Carolina from 1944 to 1948 and as Assistant General Overseer from 1948 to 1952, when he was elected General Overseer, where he is now serving the general interests of the Church.

With the highest of honors Zeno graduated from our Bible School in 1923. Still possessing a thirst for knowledge, he attended the Holmes Bible Missionary Institute while pastoring in Greenville. His work here was distinguished by high scholastic achievements, as he maintained an A-plus average for one whole year.

The work of Brother Tharp has not been restricted to pastoral and evangelistic work, but he has organized churches in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and both North and South Carolina. He became a member of the Council of Seventy in 1923, and has been a Supreme Councillor



ZENO C. THARP'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE VERSE

Psalm 91:1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

for twenty years. Twenty years were served as a member of the Foreign Missions Board, several of which were given as secretary. For ten years he was on the Question Committee at the General Assembly. A number of years were given on the Orphanage and Publications Boards. During his early ministry he was selected as an Assembly speaker, and for ten consecutive years addressed this body on such subjects as: "The Bible, Our Pattern," "Present Need of the Church," "Palestine," "The Isle of Patmos," "Present Conditions in the Light of Prophecy," "Going the Bible Way."

In 1924 our East Chattanooga pastor left the Church and organized an independent work within three blocks of our church. By appointment of the General Overseer, F. J. Lee, Zeno Tharp was given the problem of saving our work. The first week's tithes were \$15, but four years later,

when Brother Tharp left East Chattanooga, it was the largest church in our movement.

At the time he decided to leave Chattanooga, Brother Tharp received no appointment until after the close of the Assembly, when he was assigned to Greenville, South Carolina, where he remained eight years. During this pastorate Greenville grew to be the Church of God's largest, surpassing even Chattanooga. During one summer the Sunday School averaged more than one thousand. The largest church building in our movement was erected, and it was while pastor in Greenville that Brother Tharp made a three-month tour of Palestine and other Mediterranean countries. An accomplishment

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The Curse of Being Neutral

REV. RAY H. HUGHES, General Sunday School and Youth Director

TEXT: Judges 5:23, "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."



HIS BITTER CURSE is placed upon the little hamlet called Meroz, which was located nine miles east of Jezreel between little Hermon and Gilboa. This curse was possibly pronounced on them because in the time of conflict, when grave issues were at stake and they were close to the field of battle, the men of Meroz sulked behind their walls, while their heroic kinsmen, Zebulun and Naphtali, though living farther away, took their stand against the hostile forces that endangered their liberty.

Note that these men were not antagonistic toward God; neither were they serving other gods, nor in alliance with the enemies of Israel.

The indictment against them is that they were neutral in the time of conflict. This seems to be the trend of Christendom today; in fact, it is the way of the masses. It is the respectable and applauded way, but deadly. When forces are rampant that will inundate the foundation of the Church, no sincere godly man can afford to be neutral, regardless of the consequence. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3.

There is power in decision and conviction. Decision is not always a popular thing, but though it has to trod through valleys and endure the darkness and gloom of a few tunnels, if it is right it will always prevail. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." A man without conviction is like a ship without a rudder. It was prophesied that neutrality would be one of the characteristics of the last-day Church. "So then because thou art lukewarm, and NEITHER cold nor hot . . ." Revelation 3:16.

God wants men who will take sides. Be sure you are right, then go ahead. Why not cry out like Moses, "Who is on the Lord's side, let him come unto me," Exodus 32:6. No wonder men like David could stand courageously before a Goliath, because his philosophy of life was, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The Lord taketh my part . . ." Psalm 118:6, 7. He had no man's person in admiration, but God.

GOD WANTS MEN who will stake their claims, stay by their guns, and not waver. "A double minded mind is unstable in all of his ways," James 1:8. ". . . fighting shoulder to shoulder for the faith of the gospel. Never for a moment quail before your antagonists. Your fearlessness to them will be a sure token of impending destruction, but to you it will be a sure token of your salvation—a token coming from God," Philipplians 1:27, 28, Weymouth's Translation.

"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other," Matthew 6:24. The middle man may receive profit in secular businesses, but there is

no place in God's business for a middle man. Mister In-between has no pew in God's Church. There are a number of titles for neutrality these days. Some call it psychology, while others call it diplomacy and broad-mindedness. I think many have become diplomatically devilish and broad, but shallow. They have learned the art of getting by. That is, they have learned not to stand openly for anything until they know which way the sentiment is going; then they board the band wagon and ride to success (so-called success). Such success is unmerited. What if Martin Luther had taken this attitude? There would be no great history of the reformation of faith. What if Wesley had played the middle of the road? There would have been no Methodist revival.

I once read an illustration that expresses the thinking of many pulpits today. A country schoolteacher, applying for a job, was asked the question, "Do you teach that the world is round or flat?" She replied, "Which way do you want it taught? I can teach it either way."

The clear-cut lines of demarcation have faded out until they are only a shadow of a once-definite past. One individual made a statement that "one trouble with America is, our people have lost a clear conviction as to what is right and what is wrong."

God has demanded of His men that "they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and clean. And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge according to my judgments." Anything less than this is called, by the Lord, "daubing with untempered mortar." Ezekiel 22:26-28.

Though the world is crying, "Prophecy unto us smooth things, and do not prophesy right things" (Isalah 30:10), it doesn't behoove us to fill their order.

NEUTRALITY is a sinister force in the Church today that will impede progress if not corrected. It is not enough to believe something; we must stand for something. Can you imagine the apostle Paul saying, "I'm going to wait until I see what the majority believe before I make my decision." How absurd! He said, "I am set for the defence of the gospel," Philipplians 1:17. There are those who will sacrifice principle for position, fact for fame, and Christian ethics, and even ministerial ethics, for popularity. Sometimes I wonder if popularity and neutrality are not distant relatives, anyhow. Even Christ declared, "He that is not with me, is against me," Matthew 12:30.

To not stand for Christ is to be against Him. He has no medium class. He classifies all under two headings—for Him or against Him. There is no medium state—no medium heaven. It is only reasonable that one cannot be for two opponents—for sin and holiness—for Christ and the world—for light and darkness. "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils," 1 Corinthians 10:21. Having done all to stand, let us stand, therefore.

Man and missions

from the
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SAN PABLO, GUATEMALA, HAS AWAKENING

Dear Brother Walker:

We have had two conventions in the month of November at about the two extremes of distances—one deep in the north and the other deep in the south. In the former place, the north, in a village called San Pablo, there were some good results. Four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost; sick bodies were healed; and the whole village was on hand to hear the gospel. Two listeners were stricken down by the power of God before they had made a public confession of their faith in the gospel. There were also several immersed in water.

FIVE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST IN DINING ROOM

We had one convention in Quiche and in two other places special meetings, with Brother Bonilla of Mexico and Brother Morgan of Utila. Oscar R. Castillo and your servant pulled in Sunday evening from our district convention, of three years old, only. He was driving a carry-all that had been loaned him by his cousin and which he uses in the soft-drink factory here. He was so loaded he could not stick another youngster inside.

The celebration lasted for three days, in the town theater, with a loud-speaker covering the whole town with its far-reaching voice. Five received the Holy Ghost in the dining room, either before or after meals. The young fellows gathered around with their guitars, and sometimes far into the night the power of God would fall, and the results would be that somebody received the Baptism.

THE THRILL OF A GOSPEL SONG

We were awakened, I should say we hadn't slept yet, at midnight when we heard the soft music in the still of the night outside the little adobe room where we had retired. It was really sweet to our ears—two guitars, a mandolin, and an accordion. They were making the rounds over the town and singing and playing gospel hymns.

A pastor came through here the next morning after we got in and told us that the night before they didn't sleep at all. They transferred the meeting from the theater to the eating place and kept going till the bus pulled out at three-thirty in the morning.

A few souls were saved and there are several marriages pending among

the Indians. We brought in two small bags of trinkets that the Indians use for their witchcraft magic; the owners are now enjoying salvation through the precious blood of the Lamb.

A CENTRAL CHURCH NEEDED

At a session of this district convention we established a permanent date, the last day of which is to fall on the second Sunday of November; that is, the last day of the convention. This because earlier in the year there would be the wet season and later would be the harvest of the corn, so we got about in between. This is the third convention held in that district.

We also appointed a committee to search for a lot in a good location to build a central church and thus do away with having to look for other places for such gatherings.

The dry season is the time to build: in the wet season the rains wash away the mud adobes, unless the builders keep them covered as they go. In the capital the construction is becoming more modern by the use of reinforced concrete blocks.

THEY CARRIED THE LIGHT PLANT THE LAST LAP

In the southwest territory of our field, in the coastal district, the supervisor, Jose Cruz Figueroa, of San Cristobal, and other brethren chartered an old bus to take them to the coast to inaugurate a new ranch (a humble house made of straw or tall grass) that had been built for a church building. The bus broke down twice on the way. Before they reached their destination they had to carry the little electric plant, that was to supply the light for the occasion, the last lap of the journey.

On the way back, just a few miles from the place they had held their services, they were tied up again. This time the Lord opened to them another preaching place and the possibility of a plot of ground to put up another ranch for another Church of God. This place we had contacted a few years back, but owing to a conflict at that time we were obligated to hold up any transaction in that place. It is a great banana plantation center, where an American company has a modern compound set up, even a modern hospital. It extends toward the Pacific Coast Line and has become very much improved in the way of protection from the malaria mosquito and tropical fevers and diseases. It is also a cultivated area. We hope this

CENTRAL MEXICO TERRITORIAL CONVENTION

To be celebrated in Amaxac de Guerrero, Tlaxcala, February 12-14, 1953.

Those who would like to make the trip might either go along with Reverend V. D. Hargrave, by car, or in their own car. Reverend Hargrave will leave San Antonio, Texas, February 10.

can become a prosperous area for the Church of God in the near future.

So goes the news in Guatemala, at least the highlights as I have gathered them from Quiche.

Sincerely,

Thomas Pullin

NOTE: God bless our missionaries everywhere. Remember them in prayer. They are carrying the torch of truth and are worthy of our support.—Executive Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE OF PARIS, TEXAS, PROMOTES A WELL- ROUNDED PROGRAM



The above group known as the Women's Missionary Circle of Paris, Texas, has not only been doing things for foreign missions, but I have before me the testimony of Mrs. Ethel McCormick, 14 West Houston Street, Paris, Texas, which states: "This missionary Circle took me on their heart and prayed the prayer of faith for me, and God touched my body; feeling first began in my toe. I knew God was working, and in about one month I was out of the hospital. In one week I was taking steps, and now I am walking everywhere, doing my work and feel fine. I want my testimony to be used anywhere for the glory of God, that He might help others to see and to know that God is no respecter of persons, for what He has done for me He will do for others."

The Foreign Mission Work of the Missionary Circle

In 1951 the band sent \$40 to buy sacks of fruit for 250 children on the Island of Utila for Christmas.

In May, 1951, the Spirit of God led them to help the missionary family that had been raised up in their own Paris, Texas, church, Reverend and Mrs. W. R. McCall. They were sent a gift of \$35 on May 3. Along with this



The top picture shows the junior choir. The young man beside Brother Brummett is our Sunday School superintendent, Brother Charles Fubler. The lower picture is of the entire congregation.

DEAR BROTHER Walker:
Greetings from the Island of Bermuda. For some time I have been thinking about writing and telling you how the Lord is blessing in our young people's services. As you know, we have a large indebtedness here. A few weeks ago I decided to start a contest, and, to my surprise, in four weeks we raised about \$70 on the building fund, for which we are praising God. We appreciate the young people of Bermuda. They are very good about doing what they are called

on to do in the service of God. Many times I have had a hard time getting someone to take a part on the Y. P. E. program, but no so in Bermuda. I can hardly find enough material for everyone. Most of our young people are good singers and musicians.

Pray for us that we shall be an example to these people here, so that when we stand before the Lord they will not be sorry they followed us. We are very happy in our work, and are believing God for great and mighty things.—Yours truly, Mrs. J. W. Brummett, Missionary, Bermuda.

there were numerous other gifts from the Missionary Circle and members and friends of the church.

In November an offering of \$40 was sent the McCalls to aid their work in the school on Utila Island, but the money was temporarily held up until it could be used to start a new work on the mainland, town of LaSiba in Honduras.

Then there has been another gift of \$25 sent to help the McCalls take care of an added missionary, Miss Lucille McCutchen, who went there to help in their desperate struggle to teach the people on the bay islands faith in God, faith in their fellow men, faith and love.

Most every week since this Circle has been organized, a basket of fruit has been taken to some shut-in as a gift.

The Holy Spirit began to move on the hearts of their leader to raise \$100 to build a memorial church for the Church of God at Paris, Texas, somewhere in the foreign fields. The Lord was in their midst from the beginning, for the money began to come in at once by tens and fives, and they now have the money ready to send to Headquarters to be placed where God would have it go and to know that God will send it to the place where it is needed most.

On June 5, 1952, \$27 was sent to our

missionary on the Island of Utila, to be used to replace Brother McCall's glasses.

The band purchased schoolbooks in the amount of \$8.00 to send to the children on the Island of Utila. On May 18 a \$5.00 love offering was sent to an evangelist to help her on her long journey to Utila. This work was continued as the Missionary Circle pledged themselves to pay as much as 25c each every week into the missionary fund for the evangelist. By August 24 the fund had risen sufficiently to send the evangelist \$10, and again on October 12, \$30. Then after she returned to the U. S. A. and to her duties at I. P. I., the Missionary Circle began to pray for another work to do.

NOTE: It is the opinion of the Executive Secretary and many others throughout the country that many of the Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands could set up a mission department in their circle to promote foreign missions, and this added evangelistic effort for fields abroad would bring a greater smile of approval from our heavenly Father who gave His Son to bring redemption to the lost.

HEAR THE MACEDONIAN CALL FROM THE FIELD OF GERMANY

Dear Friends,

Our small German car pattered along contentedly, carrying us to service. It has cracks around the doors and no heater, but we climb in, wrap ourselves in wool blankets, and thank the Lord for a way to go.

Sunday afternoon it was cold, and the rain came down in a nagging, aggravating drizzle. Wind blew an eerie music around our little car as we drove along watching the ever-changing landscape. Red-roofed houses, narrow streets, marching columns of geese, and quaintly dressed people made the trip most interesting. But all of a sudden, there was a new and stirring picture. Leafless trees stood in a brown silhouette against a barren, stark grey mountainside. A somber procession marched slowly along, and each person was dressed completely in black. Marching at the head of this procession were six priests, who led the way into a silent city of the dead. The cemetery made a bright blotch of color among the drab colors of the earth and the people, for it was adorned with many flowers, ribbons, and decorations. A Catholic funeral it was, and people's hearts, pregnant with grief, hoped with no other hope but the power of a priest's prayer. May God deliver the blind from the darkness in which they stumble.

WHERE IS SATISFACTION?

A short distance farther was a sport place where young boys played German football. They slid in the cold mud, while a small group huddled shivering in the driving wind to watch. Every heart unknowingly asked a question—"Where is satisfaction?"

To see the people attending their churches regularly and living morally good lives, you would at first not

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By RUTH WILLIAMS

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*



HE DUTIES of a housewife are not that of standing behind the sacred desk to preach a beautifully phrased, poetical sermon; nor are we called upon to help deliberate in weighty matters of the Church. But we do have a specific task, and the first and fifth lines of the short poem written above express our call: **DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN!**

Our opportunities are many and often, and God grant that we do not fall in our responsibility to those opportunities. Our daily living calls for us to help the neighbor in distress, or visit the older folks down the street and assist them in their need. There are times when visiting our neighbor means that we must iron their weekly wash, or clean house for a mother who is unable to do it for herself. In other words, we can go into the highways and hedges and reach where the need is greatest.

The ministry of the Man of Galilee was largely to the individual, and our influence touches someone every day, whether it be for good or bad. It is an easy thing to tell our children that we love them, but the way we prove that

love is in the months and years that we spend in doing for them what we call the "little things." We see that they have food each day, that their clothes are always ready, and all the everyday needs that make them happy are fulfilled. But how would your child feel if you proclaimed your love daily, yet never made a move to prove that love in deeds? Our heavenly Father looks at our lives in just the same manner, and every day of our lives should, in some manner, prove our discipleship to Christ. A large number of "little things" will, in time, make up big things, and when the rewards are read in heaven, the "little things" are going to look very different. I realize that many good deeds go unnoticed; however, our reward is not earthly, but eternal. So you can rest assured that the books are in perfect order there.

To hear an inspired sermon gives me the greatest pleasure I know, and the beautiful songs of Zion sung by a born-again believer lift my soul to the heights of joy, but to be visited by one of God's children when my body is in pain, and see them minister to me and my family when I cannot do it myself, is to again see the spirit of Christ in operation in daily deeds. Compassion and kindness are two great, if not the greatest Christian attributes we can possess, and each thoughtful deed increases our height and depth in the love of God.

I can think of no better closing words than these, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

COURT of PRAISE

DURHAM, N. C.—I thank God for the victory and the wonderful happiness I find in serving a true and living God, one who hears and answers our prayers. The Lord has been so good to me. I can never thank Him enough for the peace that has been in my soul, regardless of the turmoil I've been living in. I am determined to serve and worship the true and living God.—Mrs. Noble Pritchard.

SUMNER, Miss.—A few months ago the truck in which I was riding overturned, leaving me with a broken collarbone. I couldn't raise my arm at all for some time, but I knew God was able to heal because He had healed me many times. I can use my arm now, and I am praising God for it. I also praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Edward High.

WEATHERFORD, Texas—I praise God today for His healing power. I was very sick for ten days, but when our good pastor and his wife and the church people here at Weatherford kept on praying, God wonderfully healed me. He also healed our grandbaby of the croup. He almost choked to death for over an hour, but God healed him, and in just a few minutes he was sound asleep. Thank God who does all things well.—Mrs. Sarah Pearce, 115 Wheeler Street.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Today my heart is full of praise to the Lord. My two-and-a-half-month-old baby took very sick and had several convulsions. There seemed to be no hope for him, but Mother and I began to pray, and God touched his body. He is now gaining weight and getting along fine. I want to do my best for Jesus. Please remember my unsaved companion in prayer.—Mrs. R. L. Brown, 510½ South Main.

PIEDMONT, Ala.—It has been quite a while since I have written a testimony. I am growing old and feeble, and I desire all the Christian people to pray that God will strengthen my mind and body and keep me ever so humble at the foot of the cross.—Mrs. A. Z. Trammell, Rt. 2.

BRISTOL, Ga.—I praise the Lord for salvation and what He means to me. I thank Him for His precious healing power. It has proved to be real in my family so many times. I praise Him for healing my little girl of a real bad cold. Pray for me and my family that we will make heaven our home.—Mrs. W. L. Burkett.

The Church of God Evangel

REVIVALS

HOOD'S CHAPEL, Miss.—The Hood's Chapel Church of God just had a wonderful revival with Brother J. W. Adkins as the evangelist. From the very beginning God's marvelous power was present to heal and save. Eight were saved, 7 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Blind eyes were opened and deaf ears unstopped; a goiter was removed by the mighty divine power of God. As Brother Adkins brought the old-time gospel messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, this was the greatest revival this church has ever witnessed. Pray for us that we shall stay humble.—F. L. Cole, Pastor.

ALBANY, GA.—We have recently had a great revival here at Albany, Georgia—the greatest we have had in 10 years. Revival services began October 29, with Evangelist Mae Terry in charge. Twenty-nine were saved, 29 sanctified, 19 received the Holy Ghost, 17 were added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. Revival fires are still burning in our church, and souls are still praying through.—C. N. Bolt, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, Md.—A great revival fire burns in the Baltimore Church of God. Three received the Holy Ghost last night. Rev. Bert Heir, the evangelist,

is doing some great preaching. People are being stirred and saying that this is the greatest spirit the church has had for a revival in a long time. We are expecting this to be a revival of lasting good. There are some wonderful people here who love God and the church. They have proved this by their faithfulness.—G. E. Underwood, Pastor.

FESTUS, Mo.—We had a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Rev. James Simpson, of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Nine were saved, 11 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. The church in Festus was greatly blessed by Brother Simpson's soul-stirring messages. He would be a blessing to any of our churches.—L. E. Holdman, Pastor.

NASSAU, Bah.—We are enjoying a wonderful revival here. To date a large number have been saved, and several have received the Holy Ghost, for which we thank the Lord. Also, a large number have been healed. Remember us in prayer that the Lord will keep His hand upon us and that we may ever do His will.—Roy Douglas.

ADRIA, Va.—We have had a revival with Brother H. M. Burchett as the evangelist. There were 14 saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 19 added to the church. We truly praise the Lord for this great revival, the best one the church has had in several years. The attendance was good, even though the weather was very rough. We thank the Lord for each stirring message, and the church is very much encouraged on the upward move. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Burchett Jr.—Mrs. S. E. Hall, Clerk.

on the North Carolina Campground. If interested, write to W. F. Sullivan, Box 743, London, Ontario, Canada.

Anyone who has friends or relatives living in Roswell or stationed at the Walker Air Force Base, we shall be glad to contact them and invite them to worship with us. The Church of God is located at 512 South Michigan Street, Roswell, New Mexico. Phone 3217-M.—O. E. Wright, pastor.

We should like to have a used 27-foot trailer, at a reasonable price, for use in evangelistic and pastoral work in New York State. Please contact at once, giving complete description, price, and picture if possible.—M. W. Sindle, state overseer of New York, 146-53 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale 22, New York.

The State of New York would like to hear from workers who are interested in working in New York. We can use a man and wife as state secretary and treasurer who can act as state evangelist, endeavoring to pioneer new works in the State. We are planning a great evangelistic campaign in New York this summer. If

you feel led to come this way, please write M. W. Sindle, state overseer of New York, 146-53 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale 22, N. Y.

In Memoriam

EVANS

Matilda Evans departed this life January 7, 1953. She was a member of the Church of God for a number of years and will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by 3 sons and 5 daughters. The funeral was conducted by her pastor and Rev. R. E. Worley, district pastor.—Ola Stepp, Pastor.

STINSON

Sister Nellie Stinson died January 8, 1953, after a long illness. She was 70 years old and had been a member of the Mt. Herman, Virginia, Church of God for many years. She leaves many friends and loved ones, but our loss is heaven's gain.—Her niece, Mrs. Charlie Stinson.

PERDUE

Mrs. Kate Perdue departed this life Oct. 29, 1952, in the home of her son, William Perdue, with whom she made her home. Grandma Perdue would have been 73 years old November 16. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Canton, Ohio. Those who knew her will long remember her good Christian life and inspiring testimonies. She was loved by all. She came to church as long as she was able and enjoyed the services so much. Throughout her long illness her one continual prayer was for the Lord to take her home. She leaves 4 daughters, 2 sons, several grandchildren, 2 sisters, 1 brother, and a host of friends and relatives. Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Hughes.—Mrs. Nola Miller.

CARDER

Earley D. Carder, born Aug. 8, 1881, passed on to his reward Nov. 24, 1952. He had the full blessing and was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God for many years. The church has lost a faithful member and good musician. Brother Carder was loved by all who knew him and is greatly missed by all. He is survived by his wife, Lana, six sons, three daughters, four stepsons, seven stepdaughters, a large number of grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives. We weep not as those that have no hope, for if we live true to God, we believe we shall meet husband and father again, where there will be no more sad farewells.—His wife, Lana Carder, Toledo, Ohio.

NOTICES...

The Church of God at Whittier, North Carolina, has a nice church bus which they would like to sell. It is in good running condition and has a good paint job. If interested, write to T. J. Looney, Box 4, Whittier, North Carolina.

The Central Canada ministers' prayer conference will convene at the London, Ontario, Church of God, 413 Horton St., London. The services will be as follows: Monday, February 2, 7:30 p. m.; Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 a. m., at 2:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., lasting all night. Most of the Central Canada ministers will be preaching in this convention and others are invited to come and be with us for this great spiritual feast.—W. F. Sullivan, Overseer of Central Canada.

HOUSE TRAILER FOR SALE

A 24-foot, three-room house trailer, with good tires (one new). The general condition is fair. It sleeps four and is ideal for a campground cottage. The price is \$400. This is a great loss but I must sell it. It is located

REPORTS

N. MATEWAN, W. Va.—We are very happy to report wonderful progress at the North Matewan church. We thank God for our new pastor, Rev. E. J. Gibson, and his family. They have really proved a blessing to our church. Brother Gibson's messages have been an inspiration to us, also their singing. Our attendance has increased, and our radio program is going over the top for God. Pray for us that we will continue to grow.—D. L. Varney.

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—Sunday, October 5, was a glorious day for the Church of God in Ware Shoals. This being our home-coming day the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. Little Johnnie Epps, of Union, South Carolina, was the morning speaker, and the church was filled to its capacity. In the afternoon we were privileged to have with us our esteemed state overseer, Rev. James A. Cross. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost Brother Cross brought a soul-stirring message that blessed each of our hearts. This was the dedicatory service for our new church furniture and the new interior. We have just completed remodeling the auditorium, installing factory-built, light oak pews and pulpit furniture, with beautiful maroon carpet and curtains. Two Sunday School rooms were added to the basement, the church painted throughout, and gas heat installed. This was done at a cost of approximately \$5,600. This debt was liquidated the day of our home-coming. The mill company recently gave us our lovely five-room parsonage; we have completely painted and remodeled it throughout, and it is completely furnished. All of this is free of debt. The Lord has done great things for us since being at Ware Shoals, and we praise Him for all He has done.—Thomas Grassano, Pastor.

TOLSTOY, S. Dak.—The Tolstoy Church of God is moving along in the work of the Lord. We had a great watch-night service December 31, with the Gettysburg and Lebanon churches cooperating. The mighty power of God was manifested in our midst. A large crowd was present and the Holy Ghost worked in a miraculous way. Christians renewed their vows and again received the joy of

their salvation. There were messages and interpretations, and the people lifted their hands and praised the wonderful name of Jesus. Sister June Becker, Brother B. Knispel, and others were the ministers who gave us real thoughts on working together.

Our Sunday School has broken the record attendance three times. Pray for this work. We are looking forward to a great Holy Ghost revival. We recently had a revival with Evangelist Howard Loy doing the preaching, and the Lord blessed greatly.—A. L. Chester, Pastor.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—Sunday, November 16, was "D" day for the Church of God in West Frankfort, Illinois. On this day our newly remodeled building was dedicated to the Lord and His work. Under the very able and capable leadership of our pastor, Rev. W. L. Edgar, and with the cooperation of the entire membership, through their tireless efforts and long hours of hard work, we now have a building of which we are justly proud. Rev. Floyd Timmerman, our state overseer, brought an inspiring message in the morning service. At noon a sumptuous basket dinner was served in the L.W.W.B. room in the basement.

We were highly honored to have with us in the afternoon service the mayor of our city, Mr. Louie Harkins, and the superintendent of our school system, Mr. L. Goebel Patton, who both made interesting talks. Also present with us was Rev. Tom Rosson, our state youth director, and many visiting ministers and friends. We were very proud to have with us our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Houston R. Morehead, who delivered the dedicatory message.

To the many readers, friends, former pastors and their families, we would like to pass on the changes that have been made in the building. The building has been raised considerably and a full basement, complete

NEW MEXICO'S STATE MINISTERS' MEETING



This is a picture of those present for the day service of the New Mexico's state ministers' meeting, which convened in Roswell, New Mexico, September 18, 1952.

The expression on the faces of the people portrays the wonderful spirit of love and fellowship that prevailed at this meeting.

Statements like this one were made: "It was the greatest spirit of cooperation and fellowship I have ever seen."

Rev. Houston Morehead, our Assis-

tant General Overseer (at the extreme right in the picture), was with us. His assistance and fine message were greatly appreciated.



The Lord graciously blessed in the evening service, and there was a fine attendance.

—Brady Dennis, State Overseer.



with a large Sunbeam hot-air furnace, seven classrooms, one large L. W. W. B. room, a pastor's study, two lavatories, and a long hallway, has been added. The entrance of the building, which formerly faced the north, has been changed to face the east. The interior of the auditorium has been redone and is very beautiful. The upper walls have been done in sheet rock, and the lower section has been completed with wainscoting. The choir has been elevated and arched,

and a baptistry installed. Dark wine velvet drapery enhances the two arches in the choir and also the baptistry. This material was bought and paid for by the Y. P. E. We also have new pulpit furniture. Winged off from the choir on either side is a library room and a small utility room leading to the basement.

With the exception of the basement, all the work was done voluntarily by the pastor, and members and friends of the church. We, in West Frank-

fort, are very proud and grateful for this accomplishment, and we give all thanks and praise to our Lord for making this thing possible. Not only do we thank the Lord for making this project possible, but we do praise Him for the way He is blessing the church spiritually. We are having old-fashioned, Holy-Ghost-filled services, and souls are being filled with the blessings of the Lord. Truly the Lord is worthy of all praise.—Ethel Adkins Nichols, Reporter.

MAN AND MISSIONS

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see the need of missions so vividly in Germany. That is the curse of Satan on this land. Having been baptized shortly after birth and confirmed at the age of fourteen, they feel forever secure and will scarcely open their hearts to truth. We pray that God will give us grace to rip those filthy rags of self-righteousness away and leave the people's sins naked and exposed by this gospel of holiness and truth.

A cow and a mule are hitched to the same burden, affording a spectacle seldom seen in our country.

Every home and everything in a home is kept under lock and key. Mistrust and suspicion fills their hearts, and they confide scarcely in anyone. Many cling tenaciously to superstitions and beliefs in old legends and stories. Only when you see the bondage of these refined, cultured people, who are lost as any native in the interior of Africa, do you realize how desperately they need the gospel and a Saviour.

For months you've read of the progress of our various undertakings, so I thought this time you'd enjoy reading a little of the personal side of our beloved but lost people.—Yours for the harvest, the Lausters.

Revival and Evangelism

Revival in Our Time \$2.00
Story of early Billy Graham evangelistic—campaigns

Over fifty thousand copies of this book have been produced and the demand is still rolling up. It tells the remarkable inauguration and development of the now internationally-known Billy Graham evangelistic crusade, what happened at Los Angeles, Boston, Columbia, S. Car., and in New England. Remarkable conversions of men and women in all walks of life, including several underworld characters. Eight pages of pictures taken during those campaigns, plus six of Graham's sermons, 168 pages, cloth.

America's Hour of Decision \$2.00
Including a Life Story of Billy Graham


For the first time, Evangelist Graham has permitted a life story to be published with verification of the details. It is illustrated with pictures of his family life, portraits of the men who worked with him and eight pages of dramatic campaign shots—15 pages of illustrations in all. In addition, into this second volume on the Billy Graham campaigns has been packed the complete stories of Portland, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Ft. Worth, Shreveport, and Memphis. how the nation-wide radio broadcast "The Hour of Decision" came into existence, the new phase of the Graham campaigns, involving a careful follow-up system for new converts.



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NEWS OF PERMANENT INTEREST Graham to Write Column

(EP) There seems to be no end to the expansion of the activities of Evangelist Billy Graham. It is now reported that he is going to become a newspaper columnist. The column, to be entitled "My Answer" and to be written six days a week, is being offered to daily newspapers throughout the nation. Dr. Graham thus adds another medium to his evangelistic work. At 34 years of age he has proved to be a forceful speaker on radio and television and one of the most magnetic platform figures since the late Billy Sunday. He has also made a number of movie shorts. His column will be conducted on a question-and-answer basis and will run about 200 words a day.

SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE REVIVING

LONDON (EP)—The Metropolitan Tabernacle has reached its three hundredth anniversary. In 1854, C. H. Spurgeon, then only 20 years of age, was called to New Park Street Chapel, Southwark, and seven years later his famous Tabernacle was opened in Newington Butts. Probably no church in London suffered more from the impact of the last war. Not only was the great auditorium, with its vestries, gutted by fire, but the membership was more than halved. However, under the able ministry of Rev. Gerald B. Griffiths, a new day has dawned. Congregations are increasing, and the membership of the Sunday Schools of the Tabernacle and its missions now total 1,168.

DECLARE RUSSIA HAS SUPER BOMBER

LONDON (EP) — According to a United Press release, Russia is producing a huger super-bomber, capable of carrying atom bombs to the United States. The giant planes—rated among the most formidable striking weapons in the world—were described today in the authoritative Jane's "All the World's Aircraft."

Here is the description of new Soviet super-bomber, pieced together by Jane's from known facts, reports circulating on both sides of the Atlantic, and the publication's own intelligence sources:

It is powered by six jet or turbo-prop engines. It has swept-back wings. Its speed and range are considerably greater than the American Superfort. It is larger than the American war-time B-29, but not so large as the U. S. B-36. It is about 167 feet long

and has a wingspread of 223 feet. It carries two complete crews, totalling 22 men. Its heavy armament includes five gun turrets, one of which is located in the tail. It is capable of taking off from bases in Soviet territory, dropping atom bombs on United States targets and then returning home.

The exact type and designation of the big Soviet plane are not yet satisfactorily established, Jane's says.

NORTH KOREANS SUFFERING UNDER REDS

KOREA (EP)—A report from the Associated Press declares that an intelligence survey made for General Mark Clark's Far East Command found civilian morale so low in Communist North Korea that most civilians would welcome a U. N. offensive to end the war. According to the survey: (1) An all-out Red offensive was remote, almost impossible from a supply standpoint. (2) Morale of Red front-line troops, fed at the price of near starvation among civilians, was good. (3) Near-famine conditions have turned many civilians into migrants hunting for food; civilians have virtually abandoned the cities, leaving Pyongyang, the capital, with only 10 per cent of its 500,000 pre-war population. (4) About 74 per cent of food output is confiscated for the Red troops. (5) Workers are paid the equivalent of 50 cents a day—the price of a single aspirin tablet there.

NEW POWERFUL TELESCOPE REVEALS MOON'S SECRETS

WASHINGTON (EP)—The vast magnifying power of the world's largest telescope has pulled the moon so close to earth, the National Geographic Society disclosed Saturday, that lunar features no larger than the Pentagon are clearly visible. The Society is putting on display here the first publicly released photographs of planets and the moon taken by the 200-inch Hale telescope on Palomar Mountain in California.

The photographs show a chunk of the moon, two views of Mars, and one each of Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn. Because Mt. Palomar's 200-inch "eye" is designed for other kinds of work, these may be "the closest views" man will ever have of earth's solar system neighbors, the National Geographic said.

The moon, which circles the earth at an average distance of nearly 239,000 miles, appears in the new telescopic photo to be hardly more than a score of miles away. The Mars

photographs strengthen scientific belief that the red planet supports a primitive form of plant life. Mars circles the sun at an average distance of about 141.5 million miles and so is much colder than the earth, which is only some 93 million miles from the planetary system's sole source of heat. But scientists have determined that the atmosphere of Mars contains ample carbon dioxide to support plant life and also some water vapor.

"The immense power of the Hale telescope," National Geographic said, "has made it possible to reproduce in the pictures known details of the planets and the moon on a larger scale than ever before. Visible in one photograph of Mars are white areas at the poles, possibly fog above layers of snow. The other Martian picture shows large dark areas that may be vegetation, as they vary in color from blue-green in the planet's spring to brown in the fall."

Venus appears in the new picture as a moonlike crescent with only a part of its surface illuminated by the sun. The Venusian atmosphere is so dense that man never has seen the planet's solid surface. Science doubts that there is any life on Venus.

Jupiter, larger than all the other planets combined, looms in its photograph as a banded glob, flattened at the poles, on which is clearly visible the famous "great red spot." The red spot has puzzled astronomers since its discovery in 1878. An old theory that it was caused by volcanic gasses welling up through Jupiter's immense atmosphere apparently has been discarded. Jupiter certainly contains no life as, in the scientist's cautious phrase, life is known on earth. Its "mean" distance from the sun is nearly 490 million miles, which means that it is a permanently frozen planet.

Zondervan Announces New Story Contest

The Zondervan Publishing House has just announced a new contest for children's stories which closes June 30, 1953. The stories submitted to this contest will be considered for a new compilation of stories for children. The Zondervan Publishing House conducted two previous contests and published the stories thus secured in two large story books—**BEDTIME STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**, compiled and edited by Theodore W. Engstrom, and **STORIES TO TELL BOYS AND GIRLS**, compiled and edited by Al Bryant. Because of the tremendous reception given these two previous story books, it was felt that definite need still exists in this area of Christian literature. It is to meet this need that the new contest has been announced. Stories submitted are not to exceed 1,250 words. The rate of payment will be 2c per word. For more complete information concerning this contest, write Book Editor, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

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ment of great significance while serving as Greenville District overseer was that Brother Tharp organized more churches on his district than there had been in the entire State of South Carolina. He supervised in the organizing of churches at Spartanburg, Laurens, Greer, Greenwood, Easley, Belton, Pelzer, Pickens, Jones Hill, Slater, Tulpau, Clinton, and North Greenville.

The Greenville laymen agreed to their pastor's promotion. During his nine years as Superintendent of Education, Brother Tharp liquidated the entire School indebtedness and so balanced the School's budget that it began to pay its own way. Bible Training School was changed from a six to nine months' school. Through the Tharp administration our Junior College was established and our high school was accredited by the State of Tennessee. The enrollment ran between six and seven hundred. A new home for the School president was erected. It was also during this period that the Administration Building, consisting of four stories and a basement, was constructed. At that time this was a gigantic project for our school. The first floor consisted of the kitchen and cafeteria; second, classrooms; third, auditorium, seating more than one thousand, including choir; fourth studios for private music practice.

For thirty nine years Brother Tharp has been married to the former Miss Annie Mae Caruthers. Their oldest child, Mildred Jones, is L. W. W. B. president in South

Greenville, South Carolina, and her husband is Sunday School superintendent. Zeno, Jr. has served for years as clerk at the Birmingham, Alabama, church, where his wife is also a member. Jewell Blair is a member at Greenville, South Carolina, where her husband is a church councillor. The fourth child, Novella Hopkins, is a member at Laurens Road, Greenville, South Carolina, where her husband is Sunday School superintendent. Recently married to a Church of God boy, the youngest child, Liel (Bill) has not missed Sunday School for nine years and is a musician in her local church.

Brother Tharp has made great contributions to the Church of God. Besides having established our Junior College and erecting the Administration Building, he is largely responsible for the aged ministers' pension plan, formulating the plan by which the amount of remuneration is reached and proposing each increase. He proposed the institution of the two-year system of appointments. In staying eight years in Greenville as pastor he set a precedent for long-term pastorates at a time when our pastors were changing almost every year. He proposed the new church hymnal, selecting most of the songs in the book himself. The demand for this book is tremendous, eighty thousand having already been printed.

Evangelist, pastor, Education Superintendent, state overseer, and Assistant to the General Overseer, the work of Zeno Tharp has been excellent. Still in his fifties, he possesses an untiring energy for God and the Church. Great chapters will yet be written in the history of his life.

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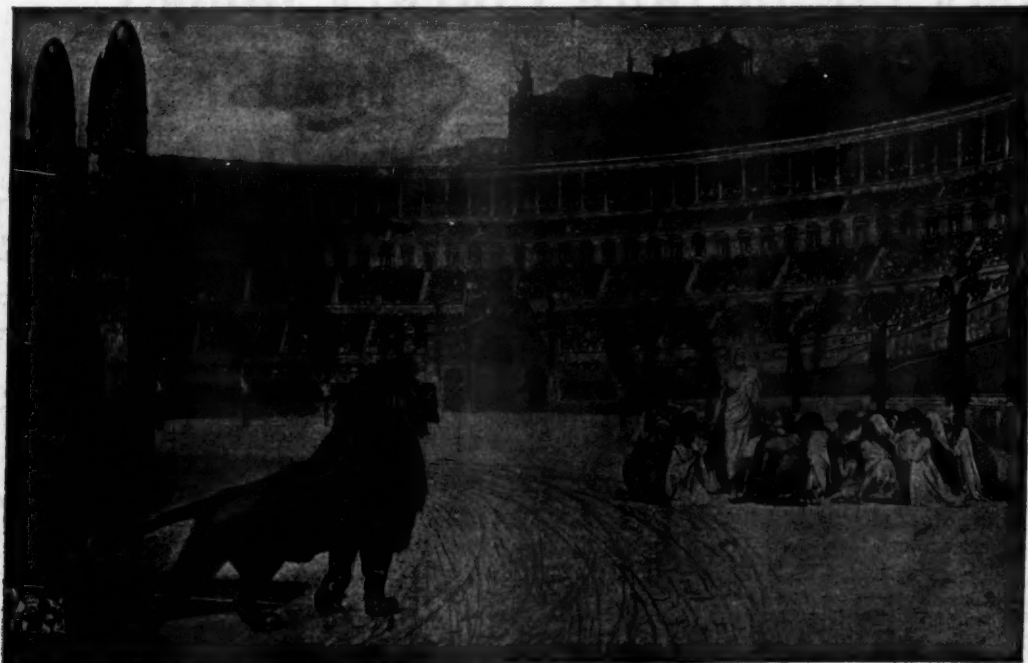
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